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# THE COLLEGE VOICE

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### SGA President



**Betsy Grenier**

Betsy Grenier, '91, candidate for SGA president, stresses the advantages of continual progression and her broad experience as assets to her campaign.

Grenier is currently SGA vice president and a member of several committees, including the Alcohol Policy Committee and Shareholders' Responsibility Committee.

Among Grenier's major goals are the motivation of house senators and the strengthening of the executive board. She would require all senators to write informative letters to their dorms, work to strengthen the committee structure, stress the efficacy of issues and encourage "longer debate" time.

She sees longer debate as imperative to complete consideration of issues. "Impeachment is a prime example," said Grenier. The debate on this issue was criticized for its length; however, Grenier is not satisfied that all the "avenues" were explored. She also thinks it is "important for the executive board to come out strongly on issues."

Grenier added that she was pleased with Finance Committee decisions this year.



**Niels Rinehart**

"We want to level the Arbo, pave it over... and build a mall on top of it," said Niels Rinehart, '91, candidate for SGA president and member of the 'Anarchy Party.'

"This college needs more cash," he said. Building a mall is "the American way" to raise the money, he added. "Yes, there will be opposition [to paving the Arboretum], but not enough to stop us," he said.

Rinehart cited his experiences as "me as a human, me as an American, me as a student, me as a youth" as his qualifications, and he hopes to "give a fresh voice to student government."

"I really don't have any experience," he states, claiming he is coming through the system "from the bottom up."

If elected, he hopes to "inject some sense of life" and "create more of an imperial aura" in student government. To motivate house senators, Rinehart would like to facilitate the installation of marble floors in SGA meeting areas.

According to Rinehart, the greatest problem with current SGA leaders is that "they don't take advantage enough of the position they've been granted."



**John Roesser**

John Roesser, '92, is running for the position of SGA vice president. Currently the sophomore class vice president, Roesser was the assistant to the president in his freshman year as well as a SAC representative for his dorm.

Exchanging information and increasing communication between the vice president and the various clubs on campus is an important issue for Roesser.

He is concerned both that clubs request inflated budget figures and that small clubs on campus are "great ideas," and maintains that "they are not taken seriously" in the budget process.

Fund-raising is another top priority of Roesser. He mentions the "umbrella plan" as a possible way "to bring more money into SGA." Generally he believes that clubs should not be penalized for independently raising funds.

Promising to put together a fair budget, Roesser states that his leadership abilities will allow him to "bring together two sides for a reasonable solution."



**Russ Yankwitt**

Currently house senator of Marshall, Russ Yankwitt, '92, is a candidate for vice president of SGA. Yankwitt has participated on Freshman Class Council as well as the Food Committee.

Frustrated by the inexpediency and inconsistency in the allocation of funds, Yankwitt believes that "with the right direction, SGA can be better utilized."

Budgeting the money efficiently and fairly is a major concern of Yankwitt. He believes that clubs which independently raise funds should not be penalized when the budget is being determined, and that smaller groups that "have potential for lasting impact" should not be discounted or short-changed.

Yankwitt is concerned that there are not "more than four or five senators active on SGA Assembly." He plans

to meet individually with the senators in the hope that they will get more motivated and involved.

"I am confident that I can lead the Assembly," said Yankwitt.



**John Maggiore**

Pledging to represent student concerns and "work to reduce the bureaucracy" at the college, John Maggiore, '91, candidate for SGA president, emphasized his experience and commitment to student government.

Maggiore is currently the house senator of Lazrus, and has been an assembly member for two years. He is the well known sponsor of many pieces of legislation including condom machines and the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Governance. As chair of the Food Committee, he was involved in the creation of the vegetarian dining hall and meal guest passes.

If elected, he hopes to ensure that "all branches of student government are working on...substantive issues."

According to Maggiore, the SGA executive board must be "cohesive," stressing "teamwork as a first, teamwork as a necessity," he said.

Maggiore cited the effects of the controversial 3:2 plan, raising the endowment, addressing concerns of traditionally underrepresented campus groups, and maintaining an active Assembly as key concerns facing the next president.

Emphasizing his goal of a "friendlier" Assembly, Robert Shea, '91, is running for SGA president on a platform of compromise and openness. He is currently junior class president.

Shea would like to encourage a better working relationship among Assembly members. "...It would be a good idea for all the senators to sit around one night and all get drunk together," said Shea. He believes that relaxation of members would increase productivity.

Acknowledging that he is not known as "a big policymaker," said he contributed significantly to the debate of issues and resolution of controversies.

Shea would like to see the Assembly work harder. He said, "If I have my way the Assembly will be working longer hours in a more intense environment."

Shea is confident that he can represent campus-wide student interests and cited the abortion issue as an example of this. Shea supported the student pro-choice mandate, although he is a strong Republican.

Shea views examination of the 3:2 plan as imperative and would advocate student support through "extraordinary measures" for the policy's reversal, if it is found detrimental next year.



**Robert Shea**

### SGA Vice President



**Mike Sandner**

Michael Sandner, '91, is running for SGA vice president. A "strong and complete foundation" of experience is the backbone of his campaign.

Sandner currently is house governor of K.B. and chairs the Board of House Governors. He believes that he is "well-qualified" for the position because of his extensive experience with financial matters both as a governor this year and as the treasurer of the Rugby Club for three years.

In addition, he is disappointed that the "umbrella plan" was not fully implemented this year due to the lack of a permanent vice president of development.

He also supports "constant auditing" of dorms and clubs in the future.

Sandner thinks that the diversity clubs were financially under-represented this year. The continual expectation that "diversity clubs should work together" is not necessarily a fair judgment, asserted Sandner.

*Mario Laurenzi, candidate for Young Alumni Trustee, and Ken Jacques, candidate for vice president, were unable to attend the interview session.*

### By-Law Change Referendum

In addition to candidate elections, a special referendum on a by-law change will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. The referendum will ratify changes to the Student Activities Council.

According to Jeannie Thomma, '91, current SAC Chair, the changes include a specific outline of the ten SAC Executive Board positions. In addition, the changes

allow for a larger voting membership on SAC. Previously, only a few select clubs had one vote each. If the referendum passes, all clubs financed by SGA may have SAC representatives and one vote per club.

Two-thirds of the student body must vote to reach quorum. The referendum needs a simple majority to pass.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Recommendation Introduction

The following recommendations are unanimously made by the Editorial Board of *The College Voice*. We suggest that they be used as a part of a comprehensive look at the candidates. Our decisions are based upon a synthesis of the candidates' experience, past effectiveness, platforms and an extensive interview with the Editorial Board. In cases where a unanimous decision could not be reached within the Editorial Board, an abstention was ruled. Each candidate was asked a specific question regarding their position. In addition, all SGA Executive Board candidates were asked three structured questions:

(1) What qualifications do you bring to the position you seek and why are you running for that position? (2) If elected, what would you see as the single greatest challenge facing you in your position? (3) What four problems do you see in this year's (position)? What solutions can you offer to these problems?

Candidates for Young Alumni Trustee were asked the following questions:

(1) What qualifications do you bring to the position of Young Alumni Trustee and why are you running for that position? (2) If elected, what would you see as the single greatest challenge before you as Young Alumni Trustee? (3) What four problems do you see in previous positions? What solutions can you offer? (4) Where do you see Connecticut College in five years?

The results of our lengthy examinations of the candidates comprise the following recommendations to our readers.

## Our recommendation for Vice President:

### Mike Sandner

The Editorial Board recommends Michael Sandner for the position of Vice President of the Student Government Association. His experience includes serving for two years as a house governor and one year as the Chair of the Board of House Governors. Sandner also has experience handling funds in various other extra-curricular pursuits.

Our reasons:

1. Sandner wants to expedite the budget process by which both first and second semester funding is allocated.
2. Sandner understands and supports the "umbrella plan" that would allow clubs to receive funds directly from trustees and alumni.
3. Sandner will bring experience and leadership to the SGA Assembly.

## Our recommendation for Chair of Academic Affairs:

### Reg Edmonds

The Editorial Board recommends Reg Edmonds for the position of Chair of Academic Affairs. He has been involved with the Educational Planning Committee and the Student Response to the Strategic Plan Committee. Edmonds has a strong personal vision of more effective student input in academic issues.

Our reasons:

1. Edmonds has a firm grasp of the problems surrounding the implementation of 3:2 and for possible alternatives to alleviate the problems.
2. Edmonds understands the value and importance of more diverse curriculum offerings and plans to push for the further development of various new areas of concentration.
3. One of Edmonds' primary goals is ensuring the transferability of financial aid to study away programs.

## Our recommendation for Public Relations Director:

### Jennifer Freeman

The Editorial Board recommends Jennifer Freeman for the position of Public Relations Director. She has worked as Assistant to the Public Relations Director for the past year and has substituted for Student Government Assembly members on numerous occasions.

Our reasons:

1. Freeman wants to increase the frequency, consistency and depth of *Inside SGA*.
2. Freeman wants to institutionalize press releases to better serve the college and New London communities.
3. Freeman has plans to publicize issues occurring in weekly SGA meetings through innovative techniques, in an attempt to increase interest in SGA and attendance at weekly SGA meetings.

## Our recommendation for Student Activities Council Chair:

### Amy Mass

The Editorial Board recommends Amy Mass for the position of Chair of the Student Activities Committee. Mass has demonstrated her ability as SAC Cultural Events Director. She has served on class council and has been active in many community activities. We are impressed with her enthusiasm and concern for expanding SAC's traditional roles.

Our reasons:

1. Mass sees the need to further define and strengthen the SAC representatives' roles within the dormitories.
2. Mass has plans to expand SAC's fundraising efforts beyond those instituted this year.
3. Mass recognizes the necessity of improving communication between individual SAC representatives and the students at large.

## Our recommendation for Young Alumni Trustee:

### Michelle de la Uz

The Editorial Board recommends Michelle de la Uz for the position of Young Alumni Trustee. Her diverse qualifications include: Chairperson of the Minority Student Steering Committee, president of La Unidad, member of the Student Trustee Liaison Committee and Housefellow of Knowlton. She is involved with numerous local and state organizations.

Our reasons:

1. De la Uz wants to increase student input at the very beginning of the decision making processes as opposed to having students serve in a more reactionary role.
2. De la Uz's diverse experiences give her a superb basis for advising the Board of Trustees on a wide range of important issues.
3. De la Uz pursues the airing of all relevant opinions in a decision-making process and will put the college's best interests in the forefront.

The College Voice Editorial Board could not come to a unanimous decision on whom to recommend for the position of Student Government Association President.

The College Voice Editorial Board could not unanimously recommend the candidate for the position of Judiciary Board Chair.

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# PROFILES

## Chair of Academic Affairs

Reg Edmonds, '92, believes that there is a lack of diversity in the Connecticut College curriculum and that the college needs to work toward a greater understanding of histories and cultures through an expanded curriculum.

As a member of both the Student Response to the Strategic Plan Committee and the Educational Planning Committee, Edmonds stresses that he has gained a viable knowledge of academic issues and has the experience needed to represent the student body.

According to Edmonds, the greatest challenge facing the chair of academic affairs is "the lack of funds available" with which to implement his diversity plan. While on the EPC, he has worked to obtain grants and would do so again in order to fund new courses or visiting professors. He also would like to see the Board of Academic Affairs more formalized in order to increase its effectiveness, and would work to update and computerize the "chubby black book." Edmonds is also critical of the college's current system of general education requirements, saying "there is no mission [in them] for general education, no goal."

Finally, Edmonds would like to see a standardization of course evaluations which would "provide a better comparison" of faculty and would "play a more active role in determining promotions and tenure."

Marc Schlossberg, '91, candidate for chair of academic affairs, says he has a "vision for Conn College in the 90's."

According to Schlossberg, it is a place where people do their assignments because they want to, and the arboretum is paved over into a parking lot, maybe with a mall on top.

"Relationships between students and faculty are too formal," Schlossberg said. "I want to create a less formal atmosphere where people go to class because they want to be there."

He also believes that the Arboretum would better serve the college as a parking lot or mall because "the college can never have enough woodchips." He would like to see the path between Cro and Larrabee continually paved by woodchips.

Improved teacher-student relationships, however, remains Schlossberg's main focus. He believes that students should take advantage of Connecticut College's "strong, strong faculty." If we work toward that goal, Schlossberg said, "our minds like eggs can hatch into a beautiful and timely vision."

Schlossberg is opposed to mandatory senior theses and would like to see the general education requirements revised.

He considers himself a member of the 'Anarchy Party.'



**Reg Edmonds**

James Fisfis, '91, would like to transfer the energy and direction he has brought to SGA as a house senator to the position of chair of academic affairs.

Fisfis maintains that his experience on both the Priority Planning and Budget Committee and the Student Response to the Strategic Plan Committee will allow him "to play a major role in defining the position further."

Fisfis believes that the fact that "the chair of academic affairs is not an established position" is a challenge he will be able to meet. Another challenge he foresees is "keep[ing] up with all the changes that are going to be going on next year," including the issues of curriculum diversity and 3:2.

He also hopes to address some of the problems which exist now in the position, including low student awareness, a nebulous relationship with the Board of Advisory Chairs, and few statements to SGA about the issues BAC faces.

Fisfis believes both merit pay and tenure are possible options for faculty evaluations if coupled with a rehauling of the current student evaluation system. He hopes to ensure the transfer of financial aid to study away programs, but thinks that the college's "financial constraints" may be a stumbling block. He also believes that the general education requirements need to be modified to become "more unified and more cohesive."



**James Fisfis**

## Judiciary Board Chair

"I very much understand the position of J-Board Chair," said Tom Neff, '91, who is running for that position. Having served on the Board for two years, he stated that he has "a desire to make the Honor Code stronger."

One of the several ideas Neff wishes to address is the need to communicate the importance and the benefits that the Honor Code provides to the student body.

One of the ways he hopes to strengthen the Code is through considering the implications of third-party anonymity. Neff states that a minority of students at the college "are blatant about it [cheating on exams]." He is considering the possibility of establishing the option of having witnesses report incidents of cheating to that class' professor and having that professor confront the alleged cheater.

Neff also said that, as well as organizing contact sessions, he wishes to consider conducting an annual referendum where the students could evaluate the Honor Code, possibly choosing to disband it. Such a referendum, Neff suggested, will "generate a level of discussion. It'll give student the opportunity to put their money where their mouth is and say 'yea, I want the Honor Code.'"

Neff strongly supports the confidentiality of accused students brought to J-Board and said, "Confidentiality definitely helps those who make a mistake get on with their lives [without being branded by peers]."

He did mention, however, that "maybe the names of second time offenders [who commit infractions of a violent nature] shouldn't be confidential." Neff continued, "It is the right of all students here to know who on the campus is violent. . . you ought not to protect that person's ability to do that [violation] again." He added that, "It's something I intend on discussing as a possibility, but it's not high on my agenda."



**Tom Neff**

## PR Director

Jennifer Freeman, '93, candidate for public relations director, "has been interested in SGA since the beginning [of her freshman year]." She offers experience both as the assistant PR director and as an assistant to the SGA newsletter.

Freeman cited as one of the problems of public relations director that the campus is often unaware of important issues. "Having the student body know about what SGA is doing is so important."

She said that one of the ways that she can more effectively achieve this is through heightened, "communication and representation."



**Jennifer Freeman**

Freeman plans to make the SGA newsletter a weekly publication and increase the number of press releases. She also thinks that main issues of interest to the student body should be posted before each meeting. Freeman stresses the need for creation and maintenance of a relationship with New London media through frequent press releases.

Haik Sahakian, '91, is running for the position of Public Relations director because he believes that, in general, "human nature is a neat thing."

He brings to this election two years of experience working in the Office of College Relations, as well as being an important member of two organizations, the Anarchy club and the United Anarchy Organization.

Stressing the importance of communication, he said that, "if you talk to a conservative long enough, they will become a liberal."

Sahakian thinks that a main challenges of the position is to revise "Inside SGA," the PR publication, which he said "is boring." He thinks that this condition can be rectified by increasing the point size of the text, adding photographs and perhaps enlarging the publication.



**Haik Sahakian**

He also supports the 'Anarchy Party's' proposal to raze the Arboretum, citing the lack of parking facilities on campus as an important issue.



**Amy Mass**

## SAC Chair

Amy Mass, '92, is a candidate for SAC Chair. In addition to her position as Cultural Events director on the SAC executive board and her involvement on many committees, she cited her main qualification for the position as "energy and excitement for what SAC is and the potential it has."

Mass sees the position of SAC Chair as "a definite leadership role within the executive board and within the Assembly." She expressed the need for a strong chair to bring more unity to the executive board and the Assembly, saying "If I see an issue that is important I certainly will not hesitate to stand up for it."

Mass also emphasizes the need for SAC to be recognized as a major branch in SGA. She plans to continue her current efforts to build respect for SAC in the campus community.

When asked about the repercussions of the recent budget cut to SAC, Mass stressed the need to continue on-campus fundraising as well as the importance of instituting alternative plans. "We have a lot of potential and energy on SAC and to see it stifled due to lack of funding would be difficult," said Mass.

Any grammatical or typographical errors in the candidates' platforms have not been altered by *The College Voice*.



# PLATFORMS

## Presidential Platforms

Betsy Grenier

John Maggiore

### HANDS ON HARD WORK, SPIRIT AND DIRECTION

The SGA President must be a leader in many senses of the word: a communicator, a worker, a person with spirit and direction. The job of the President is three-fold: it requires setting the direction and articulating the goals of the Executive Board and Assembly, communication among all the constituencies of students, faculty, staff, administration and trustees, and gathering information in order to construct fair and practical policies.

I have many ideas and aspirations that I would like to see become realities. First of all, having been SGA Vice President this year, I want to ensure continuity on a number of issues such as: the construction of the new College Center and the pressing needs for space of our student organizations, Campus Safety and dorm security systems, student representation on the President's Academic and Administrative Cabinets in order to maintain the procedures for student input, and Strategic Planning. A second issue on my agenda is the revitalization of dorm life, which I began working on this year, in order to provide financial support as well as internal improvements in the governance structure. Finally, I would like to create a pro-active student government in two ways. Number one, increase senator communication by distributing information at meetings and in letters to dorms, while gathering dissent and consensus on issues. Number two, the SGA Committee structure must be strengthened in order to fulfill its role at the heart of SGA policy-making. Information on duties, membership and committee issues must be highly publicized to the community, and regular reports submitted to keep the Assembly and College community abreast of developments. Through more effective, continual communication and committee work, issues will be addressed and brought to the forefront.

My experience displays my commitment to leadership. Last year I was a member of SAC Executive Board as Cultural Events Chair and worked on the Shareholder Responsibility Committee and Senior Week. I served this year as SGA Vice President, Finance Committee Chair, and on the Alcohol Policy and Recommendations Committee and Student Trustee Liaison Committee. As Finance Committee Chair I developed an operative budget providing for the growth of student organizations, allocated a second budget of club improvement funds, conducted audits and fundraising with the Development Office, and surveyed clubs, asking how well the budget process met their needs, in order to make the appropriate changes. As co-chair of the College Center Contributions Committee I helped raise more than \$1500.00 towards the new student center.

My ambition, hard work and experience show my commitment to you that I will bring strong leadership and direction to the Presidency. PLEASE VOTE BETSY GRENIER ON APRIL 3rd and 4th.

Thank you for your support,

Betsy Grenier

Niels Rinehart

Robert Shea

Post-structuralism is currently being deflated by the ebbing tide of mysticism. We are a youth thud and drained by deflationist thought. The centrifugality of the Global Decade has fallen lump upon the dripping faucet that is American youth. We must personalize the globality of this decade that is so unstopably upon us. We are obsessed with long muscular tubular extensions. And furthermore- we don't know it.

We wish to post-Vietnamize the campus. We must purge, or rather, negate the factor of pre-retro thinking- on this campus and beyond.

I see 10,000 points of light. I see a visual fiesta. I see a juggernaut of aural sensation...if it is not too late. History is coagulated and congealed as it stews resignedly in its own chisms. We must deismatize history- FOR YOU, and what's more, we're gonna do it!

NIELS RINEHART FOR SGA PRESIDENT

Student Government has a job to do, and it needs a president with enough experience ability and direction to get that job done. The next president of SGA must be familiar with the issues that have been at the forefront for the last few years. The next president must be a person who not only knows SGA, but also has a strong understanding and working relationship with every element of the campus community from the faculty, the administration and the trustees to campus safety and dining services. The next president must be ready to tackle issues as they arise, help raise new issues, and conduct the regular functions of the presidency in a way that will actually serve the students. I believe that I am the most qualified individual to take on those challenges as president of the Student Government Association.

Students often ask me, "What's so important?" Admittedly, some of what SGA does borders on the silly. It is also true that SGA officers have become disenchanted by boring meetings and senseless bureaucracy. Beyond the bureaucracy, however, is one of the most potent student governments of any American college. In the two years that I have served as a House Senator, I have played a part in SGA's initiatives concerning the college's five-year strategic plan, the establishment of dining hall guest passes and a vegetarian dining hall, the upgrading of campus safety systems that will debut next fall, and many other projects. I have worked with the SGA teams that have defended the honor code, the two week long spring break, and Conn.'s need-blind financial aid policy. I have also seen what the other branches of SGA, from BAC (on which I serve) to SAC, have done to uniquely contribute to every student's life at Connecticut College.

I am prepared to continue with SGA's strong tradition of initiatives and input. I am also prepared to continue supporting the process that I initiated this semester of reviewing SGA to make it less bureaucratic and more effective. Furthermore, I plan to work closely with various members of student government, especially members of the Assembly, urging them to initiate their own projects. Most importantly, I plan to be an accessible and visible student leader, so you will always know what SGA is doing, and will always have a president that listens to your concerns. For these reasons, I would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely,  
John Maggiore  
443-8171

## Public Relations Director Platforms

Jenn Freeman

Awareness leads to interest and vitality - and a vital student community is necessary if we are to appreciate the college experience. We must recognize what is open to us and what our responsibilities and opportunities are as a part of the larger Connecticut College and New London environments.

There are two major parts to the elected office of Public Relations Director: representation and communication. One role includes serving as a representative of the students on the Executive Board of the SGA, hearing what's wanted, considering the issues, and then voting with head and heart. The other is the role of keeping people informed.

As Assistant Public Relations Director this past year I have had the opportunity to attend SGA meetings and to participate in its activities. I have also served on the Executive board of C.O.O.L., on the Publications Committee, and I chaired the Community Outreach Board.

In the role of elected officer, I would continue to consider the student's concerns, goals and wishes - and do my best in representing them. In the role of Public Relations Director, communications will be my goal. Communication with the students through frequent and timely press releases to campus publications, a weekly SGA newsletter, and an expanded Public Relations Committee will help provide broad coverage to all appropriate information sources and complete circulation of what is being said, what is being done, and what activities need and welcome involvement; communication with the Trustees through representation on the Trustee/Student Liaison Committee will keep the Trustees and the Administration aware of the mood and the goals of the students as represented by the SGA; and communication with the New London community with whom we share common concerns will help protect both its tradition and its environment, and the opportunity for meaningful volunteerism. The latter will be accomplished through press releases to local publications and interaction in community activities.

I have been learning this year by participating in the activities mentioned above, particularly as Assistant Public Relations Director. I am eager to commit to the position of Public Relations Director and I approach both it and this election with the utmost sincerity and seriousness. I hope you will allow me that privilege and responsibility.

Jenn Freeman  
437-0341

Haik Sahakian

If elected, I would make *Inside SGA* less of an alternative newspaper, more of an upbeat *Foto-filled* publication readable by everyone. I would find a trustee willing to move the Observatory from Bill to the roof of New London Hall, and encourage the SGA assembly to sing "All We Ever Wanted" before each session. Yes I would.

Haik Sahakian was the founder of Subliminal Olfactory Directioning In Add-Drop Forms of America, and believes in SAC. "The eighties were about design," he says, "the nineties will be about

You may begin to like SGA.



# PLATFORMS

## Vice Presidential Platforms

Ken Jacques

John D. Roesser

NEW IDEAS, EXPERIENCE, AND COMMITMENT

More than a glorified treasurer, a Vice President must be able to construct a budget that reflects the needs and concerns of the college community. Rejuvenating dorm life, broadening student's awareness and maintaining heightened diversity awareness are timely concerns for next year's Vice President. Improving communication with organizations will insure a stronger, more efficient budget allocation process.

Experience.

Freshman Year: Freshman Class Executive Board - Assistant to the President.  
Sophomore Year: Sophomore Class Executive Board - Vice President; Chair, Sophomore Class Community Service Committee; SAC Dorm Representative; Cultural Events Committee; Senior Breakfast Planning Committee; House Council.  
With this extensive involvement, I have developed the confidence and ability to work with executive boards and administrators to achieve the goals that I have set.

I have proven my commitment to my class! Now let me prove it to you!

PLEASE VOTE JOHN D. ROESSER ON APRIL 3rd AND 4th.

Russ Yankwitt

What makes a good S.G.A. Vice President?

### 1) Experience

It is absolutely crucial that an S.G.A. Vice President have experience on the S.G.A. Assembly. One must be familiar with the procedure and infrastructure of the Assembly in order to lead the Assembly. As House Senator of Marshall dormitory I have learned these techniques.

### 2) Dedication

A Vice President must be willing and able to devote large amounts of time and energy to the job. If elected, I will make S.G.A. my priority.

### 3) Leadership

The budget is a primary task of the Vice President. However, I also envision the position of Vice President as one of leadership. I aspire to help guide the assembly and improve efficiency.

### 4) Honesty and fairness

All facets of S.G.A. should be treated equally. On the assembly, I pledge to encourage and aid the inexperienced assembly members to ensure that they are treated fairly throughout the year. On the executive board, I will strive to work with the other members to help increase other branches' exposure and recognition.

### 5) Creativeness and Openness

A Vice President must have new and creative ideas for both the budget as well as S.G.A. leadership. Yet, he/she must be open to ideas from assembly members as well as students at large.

Thank you, Russell Yankwitt

Michael W. Sandner

I am running for the position of Vice President because I believe that my past experience with the Student Organization office as a treasurer for a club and dorm, as well as my SGA experience as the Chair of the Board of House Governors, gives me a strong and complete foundation that I could bring to the office. I have worked closely with the coordinator of campus activities in the capacity of a treasurer as well as that as a Governor, so I am familiar with the Student Life office in both the aspects that the Vice-President will be involved.

As the Chair of the Board of House Governors I helped to implement the Connecticut College Fellows program, which is an example of my commitment and dedication to projects. In addition, I also served on many SGA Ad-Hoc committees, such as the SGA intercollegiate conference committee and the SGA committee on student governance. Through my involvement in these committees I have gained experience with the workings of the SGA assembly.

Having been involved in the club fund allocation process as the treasurer of the Rugby club, I am sensitive to clubs needs, and will work towards making their duties as easy as possible, including working to get second semester allotments posted earlier for clubs. My experience as the Chair of the Board of House Governors, a presiding position, will serve me well in the role of Vice-President, where the Vice-President is some times needed to take stands on issues where the Presidents hands are tied. So for leadership, dedication and experience, Vote for Michael Sandner for SGA V.P.

Thank you,  
Michael W. Sandner

## Chair of Academic Affairs Platforms

Reg Edmonds

James Fisfis

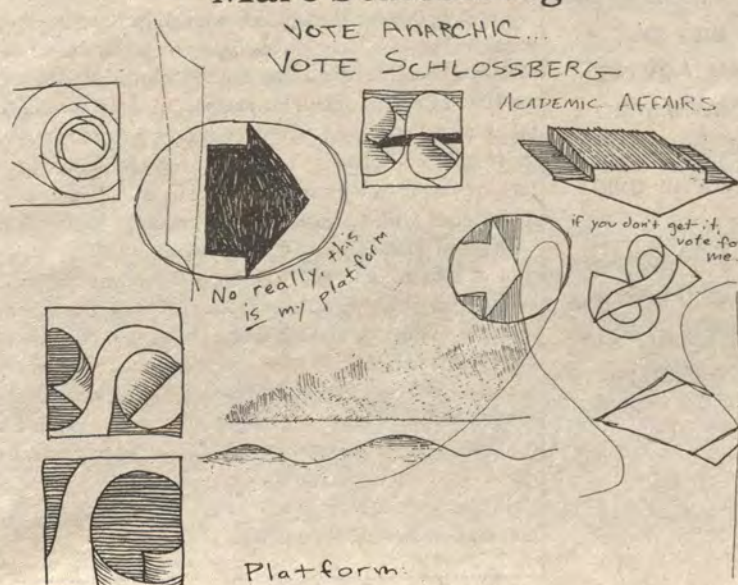
This is a critical time for academics at Connecticut College and the next Chair of Academic Affairs will have to be experienced in dealing with academic issues to ensure that the best possible results are achieved. Through my efforts on the Educational Planning Committee (EPC) I have gained a firm grasp of major issues, such as the lack of diversity in the curriculum and the problems related to the implementation of the 3/2 plan. Through my work on the Student Response to the Strategic Plan (SRSP) committee I have gained an understanding of educational needs, such as strengthening the advising system and providing for the transferability of financial aid to students who study away. Furthermore, I have developed a working relationship with key faculty members and administrators in discussing students' concerns.

I would like the students to have a greater influence in shaping the outcome of academic issues and this can be done if the Board of Advisory Chairs meets more frequently. By meeting more frequently BAC can be better informed about student and department concerns and will better be able to act on these concerns.

One of the students' and faculties' main worries is the dramatic increase in course size and lack of course offerings. This problem can be alleviated by the hiring of new professors. Currently there are 12 searches being conducted for new professors. One of my goals as Chair of Academic Affairs is to ensure that the current searches for professors are successful.

I believe that greater diversity in the curriculum is necessary. The lack of African, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, South-Asian and Women's studies needs to be redressed. Working through a strengthened BAC, the Assembly and administrators this goal is attainable with the right person as the Chair of Academic Affairs. I believe that my experience in dealing with academic issues and my concern with their outcome makes me the most qualified candidate for the Chair of Academic Affairs.

Marc Schlossberg



Dear Connecticut College student:

Thank you for taking the time to read my platform. It is important that you make an educated vote because the work of the Chair of Academic Affairs will be extremely important even long after you graduate.

The Chair of Academic Affairs is first and foremost responsible to the student body, because he/she represents your interests to the Provost, and to all academic decision-making bodies. Without an effective, experienced voice representing you, your educational needs and wants may be overlooked.

You came here to learn, and at a liberal arts college you expect to learn about a variety of experiences in this world rich in culture. That is why it is crucial that DIVERSITY OF CURRICULUM, intra-, and inter-departmental be the primary means to the ends of your becoming a "citizen of the world." Afro-American, women's, East Asian, and Latino cultures among others will become part of our everyday lives as communication shrinks the world. A commitment to Conn.'s foresight about these realities is what will put Conn. College ahead of its time in liberal arts education.

THE BENEFITS ARE ENORMOUS. As you enter the career world, your precious knowledge of the world's cultures will radiate confidence, because you will have an understanding of the "big picture." Where others may flounder in ignorance and confusion over volatile market trends and scientific advances, you as a Connecticut College graduate will stick out as perceptive, and as sensitive to the changing world. Connecticut College will develop a reputation for educating tolerant, receptive, people.

This is what I want for Connecticut College. I believe that 3-2 & 80% sabbatical pay will lead to this vision of Conn.. General Education requirements need to be restructured in light of these priorities, and the study of the over-arching fields of math and science must be bettered. A diverse faculty must be hired to achieve those aims.

Again, thank you for your time. I promise that I will use my knowledge, experience, and dedication to provide the ACTIVE LEADERSHIP that Connecticut College students deserve.

Sincerely,  
James Fisfis '91 444-9197

## SAC Chair Platform

Amy Mass

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE - ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE - CHALLENGE EXCELLENCE

Broaden bases of communication - stronger ties with dorm representatives that lead to greater dorm unity and increased variety of dorm events. Connection and involvement with thematic housing and increased interaction between students and faculty. Voice of the students within SGA and administration. Expand SAC's role in college community - a wide variety of social and cultural events, continued fundraising efforts, continued and increased respect for SAC and dorm SAC representatives through internal strength and continued momentum.

Experience.

Freshman Year: Class Council Representative; House Council Representative; OVCS Mentor Program; Publications Committee; Women's Lacrosse Team; Delegate to National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Washington D.C.

Sophomore Year: SAC Executive Board - Cultural Events Director; Delegate to Regional Conference for National Association of Campus Activities, Springfield, Mass; Finance Committee; Inter-Collegiate Conference for Student Leaders - Planning Committee, Event Coordinator; College Center Contributions Committee; OVCS Mentor Program - Coordinator, Mentor.

Vision. Direction. Excitement. Energy. Leadership. Teamwork. Challenge.

EXCELLENCE



# PLATFORMS

## Young Alumni Trustee Platforms

Lauren Aguiar

Reed Berkowitz

N. Jansen Calamita

In order to successfully fulfill the position of Young Alumni Trustee, one must have an understanding of the college and of the student point of view. Secondly, this position involves dedication to represent the interests of the students for a three year term. I feel that my past involvement with the College community has provided me with this necessary insight and demonstrated my commitment to the student body.

One of my interests is that the quality of life outside the classroom be given proper attention, along with academic concerns. My varied experiences on this campus have given me a strong background in student affairs - from dorm life and athletics to minority affairs and class government. I feel I have the ability to represent the different facets of student life which are central to what makes Connecticut College an excellent place to be, and to look back on.

I look forward to being a part of the development of Connecticut College and representing the current interests of students.

I hope you'll vote for me on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thanks,  
Lauren

*Reed Berkowitz*



Michelle de la Uz

Mario Laurenzi

We have seen the College change and evolve. Most of these changes have been positive. As the college moves into the final decade of the century with its new vision - the Strategic Plan - we must not lose sight of the essence of Connecticut College - the student and student participation.

The Young Alumni Trustee has to be able and prepared to take an active and leadership role in ensuring that the essence of Connecticut College is not lost in the many policies and practices that will be carried out as part of the College's new vision. The Young Alumni Trustee must also be experienced in dealing with the many aspects and issues of the unique life at Conn. He or she needs to have, and maintain, contact with students, administrators, faculty and staff members. Knowledge of the function and role of students and student groups is essential to the position.

My experiences on and off campus have provided me with "the big picture" of how the College and we as students function on campus and within the New London community. I have been active at Conn. in a variety of ways, as chair of the Minority Student Steering Committee, as dorm representative on class council my sophomore year, President of La Unidad, executive board member of S.O.A.R., co-chair of SGA's minority Affairs Committee, Housefellow of Knowlton, Housefellow representative on SGA's Student Response to the Strategic Planning Committee (SRSP), and member of the Sociology and Hispanic Studies Advisory Boards. I have met with the Trustees representing various groups and student concerns, through the Student/Trustee Liaison Committee and the Student Life Committee, every time they have been on campus since my freshman year. It is beneficial for the Young Alumni Trustee to have knowledge of the New London community. I have extensive knowledge of the New London community and how Conn.'s programs, such as the High School Student Summer Advancement Program and various programs out of OVCS, function within and affect the community. I have worked to build bridges between New London youth and the Conn. College community. I have also served on city and state-wide steering committees that propose policies and carry out programs that address contemporary issues that affect youth.

I have taken a leadership role in my position at Conn. as well as within the New London community. I have met regularly with trustees, administrators, faculty and staff to ensure that student concerns are addressed and not just heard by the College. As chair of the Minority Student Steering Committee, it was my responsibility to monitor the administration's response to student concerns, to the end that the committee produced a list of concerns for the College to use as a blueprint for change - which included moving Unity House on campus. As chair, I became aware of how the complex issue of diversity affects the whole campus and how we can all benefit from the diversification of the curriculum, student body, faculty and staff. As Housefellow of the International/Language Dorm I have worked with faculty, administrators and student groups to provide an atmosphere, outside of the classroom, that is conducive to learning about various languages and cultures. I have dealt with the issue of safety firsthand and have worked to have shower stall doors installed in all dorms which don't have them. As a member of the Student Response to the Strategic Planning Committee, I was further exposed to all the issues and constituencies which affect students on this campus and helped to formulate, research and compile a response that represented the goals of the entire student body in relation to the College's overall goals.

The College has been moving towards a comprehensive approach to education, consequently we need a Young Alumni Trustee who has comprehensive knowledge of Conn. and of the New London community. I believe that I am qualified to serve as the Class of 1990's representative on the Board of Trustees, and ask that you vote for me on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Young Alumni Trustee is a unique position in that it provides the Board of Trustees with the student body's perspective on a variety of issues. In order to properly fulfill this responsibility, the individual selected must maintain a good rapport with all sectors of the student population. Also, an understanding of the college and its operations is needed to properly execute the duties of Young Alumni Trustee.

I feel that I am qualified for the position. My participation in the Connecticut College experience has not been limited to any particular realm, but rather spans a variety. I have attempted to contribute in small ways to many facets of campus life. I am currently serving on BAC, as well as being employed by the offices of Development and College Relations. I have served as a tutor to New London Schools through OVCS, was a member of the Parents' Weekend Committee, and am involved with the High School Students Advancement Program for the second consecutive year. I may not have basked in the limelight, but I feel I have been a crucial supporting player in many areas.

As Young Alumni Trustee I can only promise honesty, hard work and enormous dedication to the students of Connecticut College. I feel that I can meet the requirements of the position, and respectfully request your vote.

As Connecticut College enters the 1990's we are faced with a great many difficult challenges which require effective and responsible leadership from all segments of the community: students, staff, faculty, and trustees. The course which has been set by President Gaudianni is an ambitious attempt to strengthen the College's standing amongst our peer schools. Yet, we must seek not to emulate our peer institutions or to even grade ourselves against them, but to build upon Connecticut's own unique qualities and take a position of leadership which will make our peer schools compare themselves to us.

3/2. The adoption of the 3/2 Plan is designed to make our faculty positions competitive with peer institutions. But this is a path fraught with danger. Generating revenue for increased hiring of faculty, (vitaly necessary in the wake of smaller course loads for faculty members), is a challenge to which the College must rise. As we seek funding for 3/2, however, we must not compromise our funding for programs which have become vital part of what Connecticut College uniquely offers its students. We must not rob from Peter to pay Paul. We have already seen at Tufts University, what can happen when an administration attempts to cut into vital budgetary needs, such as financial aid, in order to pay for new faculty. We must not let this happen at Conn. By ensuring that every sector of the community is duly represented and consulted on major policy decisions, we will have won half the battle.

**Diversification.** Diversification of our student body, our curriculum, and our faculty, must become not simply a slogan or buzz-term, but a real call to action. In this area, especially, Connecticut College must no judge itself by standards set by our peers, but by goals we set for ourselves. We, as a College, must reach into the New London community, and bring our resources and energy to bear. By bringing underprivileged students of color from the New London school system into contact with the College, we avail ourselves to a new and wide pool of applicants to future freshmen classes. Once at the College, however, we need to do more by way of support and course offerings to ensure that students of color will want to stay. Finally, by way of diversification, we must begin to look beyond May, and the imminent divestment of the College's holdings in South Africa. We must assess our shareholding responsibilities across the board by beginning to evaluate the environmental impact and practices of companies whose stock we hold.

**Process.** In four years of student government, I do not believe I have encountered a more divisive issue between administration and students. It is the responsibility of the Young Alumni Trustee to make certain that established practices of consultation and process are upheld by administration and students. If we allow ourselves to become embroiled in arguments over process and input, we waste vital time and energy which could be concentrated in efforts to constructively tackle the issues facing the College.

It is a full plate of challenges which we confront entering the '90's. What is needed is effective and responsible representation from the next Young Alumni Trustee. Someone who understands the problems we face and has a vision of what needs to be done. I hope that if nothing else during my four years, I have shown these qualities to you. As Young Alumni Trustee, I can assure you, the concerns of our class will be heard. Thank you.

### J-Board Chair Platform

Tom Neff

Since April of my freshman year I have had the opportunity of serving on the Judiciary board as a class representative. It has been an experience which has demanded my time and dedication, while providing me with an opportunity to learn more about what makes our code so valuable and what it will take to make our code even better.

Since my reelection to the Judiciary board last year, I have attended every scheduled meeting. As the seniority representative, I have felt a special obligation to make it to all meetings so as to share the lessons I have learned. I have even served as chairperson in one case which resulted in hours of paperwork, meeting with deans and President Gaudiani, and the unfortunate suspension of a student. Through my seniority, I have had a detailed, firsthand look at the demands and challenge of being chairperson; it is a challenge which I welcome.

I recognize the importance of our Honor Code in preserving the advantageous Housefellow system, self-scheduled exams, and an adjudicating body of our peers; and I see chairperson of our Judiciary Board as a position in which I could help to improve upon these benefits.

I believe that our Honor Code with all its benefits can only be strong and positive to the extent that the responsibilities it demands of us are upheld. Subsequently, the desire for all of us to strengthen our Honor Code by upholding responsibilities is contingent upon the extent to which we each recognize how important and valuable the Honor Code really is. Therefore, I have formulated an agenda for next year in which our code is held by encouraging discussion of our code with an accent on the freedoms it affords us. An example of what I hope to do follows.

I wish to institutionalize a vote of confidence to be held late every April which will allow all students to declare whether they want the honor code and all its benefits, or not. If we as a student body proclaim that we do not want the Honor Code, then we should not be granted one. I believe this vote will encourage the majority of us to take the time to affirm our belief in the Honor Code and confront and give reasons to those who do not respect our code to turn around and indeed do so.

Please come to hear all of the candidates speak and be sure to vote on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thank you, Tom Neff



# PROFILES AND NEWS

## Young Alumni Trustee



**Lauren Aguiar**

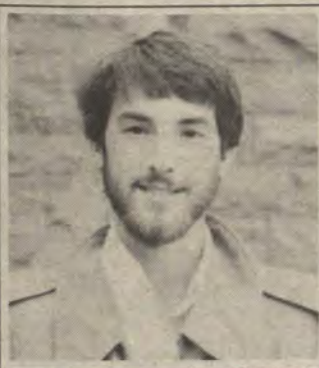
"What sets me apart from the other candidates is a diverse experience," said Lauren Aguiar. The current housefellow of Marshall

cites her experience as a class officer, student advisor, and work with the Minority Student Steering Committee and the Student Trustee Liason Committee as her qualifications for Young Alumni Trustee.

Aguiar points to the lack of student awareness about the work done as the greatest problem with the office. She feels that student awareness can best be heightened by changing the trustee's role on campus from reactive to pro-active. "The Young Alumni Trustee has strong ties to campus... and they should be used more effectively," she stated.

In the future, Aguiar sees Connecticut College implementing a stronger academic base, placing greater emphasis on international studies and courses. She expresses concern, however, that student organizations and services will get lost in the shuffle.

"This college has given me so much these four years... I look forward to giving something back," said Aguiar.



**Reed Berkowitz**

"I'm not running to win, I'm presenting myself. If I win, I'll do the job." This is Reed Berkowitz's campaign philosophy. Berkowitz, a

member of the Taoist party, is running for the Young Alumni Trustee to give the senior class a broader choice when they vote.

The biggest problem he sees with the position is that Connecticut College students are unaware of YAT's real function on the Board of Trustees. Berkowitz intends to eliminate some of the mystery if elected. He also emphasized that, "Connecticut College is a college, and people are here to learn." As the 1990 YAT, he would like to encourage the trustees to stop spending money on "gimmicks" and instead begin "strengthening the core" of the college.

Berkowitz thinks that YAT should "go on what the students want" and will carry the voice of Connecticut College students to the Board of Trustees.

As for his platform, Berkowitz said, "I did it to show that there are other means of communication besides written words."



**N. Jansen Calamita**

N. Jansen Calamita, currently house senator of Abbey and candidate for Young Alumni Trustee, is interested in "what the role of the student

is and what the role of the student could be." During his four years at Connecticut College, Calamita has maintained an interest in the school and says that he would like to carry his interest through to the Board of Trustees.

The biggest problem he sees with YAT is keeping in touch with the campus, a problem he says is "inherent in the job." If elected, Calamita would like to keep in touch with both the students and the issues that concern them most.

"The monitoring of the 3:2 plan as it unfolds" is the biggest problem Calamita would like to address. He is concerned with how "the unique characteristics of Connecticut College" will be maintained under the plan.

"3:2 is necessary. We can understand that. 3:2 is also dangerous," said Calamita.

He is also concerned with the relationship between the New London community and Connecticut College, stating that the Board of Trustees should strengthen the link between the two communities.



**Michelle de la Uz**

Michelle de la Uz stresses that she has been interested in the Young Alumni Trustee position since her freshman year.

De la Uz wants to "make sure the students

have a strong voice in the implementation of the college's goals," citing the importance of voicing the students' opinions about the Strategic Plan. She feels that "as the campus has changed and evolved, the student vote has become like a rubber stamp and no longer has a voice."

De la Uz is currently the president of La Unidad and housefellow of Knowlton. She has also been exposed to many social programs in New London, acting as a liaison with the New London community and the college community for three years, and is a member of a statewide committee on youth and teenage pregnancy.

When asked of her view on the issue of divestment, de la Uz said, "obviously, I would like the college to totally divest," emphasizing the fact that she organized the Divestment rally held on campus before spring break.

De la Uz hopes to maintain the essence of the College, "that is, the students."

## Presidential Candidates Participate in Lively Debate

Wyan Lowe  
The College Voice

Four candidates squared off for the SGA presidential debate last Sunday in front of interested community members. The candidates were Betsy Grenier, '91, vice president of SGA, John Maggiore, '91, house senator of Lazrus, Neils Rinehart, '91, member of the 'Anarchy Party,' and Robert Shea, '91, junior class president.

Candidates were given one minute for opening remarks, as well as a chance to respond to three questions from the panel and a minute to present a closing statement.

Grenier, the first candidate to speak, opened with a description of the role of SGA president and how she would effectively fulfill the position. "I offer experience and a broad background. I offer three years of student government experience. I offer myself as a candidate," she said.

Maggiore spoke about his experience on two SGA boards and his conviction in his strong personal qualifications for president. When Maggiore cited his enthusiasm for

student government, he said, "I don't deny my faults. I don't claim to be charismatic, only effective."

Rinehart spoke next, describing his feelings of society, life and "muscular and tubular worlds," amusing the audience.

Following Rinehart's remarks, Shea elaborated on his qualifications as junior class president and his hopes for a more relaxed and comfortable environment.

Blair Taylor, former SGA vice president, questioned how candidates would deal with misleading student attrition rates among minority students.

In response, Grenier praised President Gaudiani's Minority Student Advancement Program for attracting minorities to the college, and offered to provide more SGA involvement.

Maggiore, however, said that the Assembly had not yet adequately addressed the issue of attrition, and that increased discussion, more minority professors and a continuation of diversity in the curriculum would help.

Rinehart briefly explained his vision of building branches of

Connecticut College "as big as we can," all over the world.

Shea expressed the need to get input from the students most affected in order to strengthen the college.

The second question was posed by Alice Maggin, Editor in Chief of the *Voice*, and concerned the inactivity of senators and how to increase enthusiasm and participation.

Maggiore pointed out that despite appearances in the Assembly, the senators have been productive in other areas. He felt that the executive board could do its part by delegating projects and giving individual support to senators.

Rinehart described the economy of France and how Charles DeGaulle dealt with inflation. He suggested that "Cloaking [the Assembly] to feel more regal," would imbue greater pride.

Shea advocated a more relaxed atmosphere as the key to solving the lack of enthusiasm. "I think that's the best way to get the representation of the students," he said.

Grenier expressed the need for pro-active participation by mandat-

ing senator communication in the dorms. "Students not involved with SGA need to be able to voice their concerns."

Huao Hwang, '91, chair of academic affairs, asked the candidates about the pertinence of discussing issues such as abortion, censorship and environmental concerns in SGA meetings.

Crediting his "speechwriters," Rinehart admitted that he had anticipated the question. His response was, "It's an ethical issue."

Shea believed that "if you cloak all issues as national issues" then his response would be no, but since these broader issues do affect the personal lives of the students, he would encourage discussion.

Grenier stressed that "we do have a place in outside concerns." She said that the issues all affect and are influenced by the students, but that the role of student opinion on SGA needs to be addressed before policy decisions.

Maggiore asserted that SGA should definitely debate these issues, as well as the issues of racism, sexism and homophobia. He believes that the referendum on abor-

tion sent an important message to the state government.

The final question came from a member of the audience, who asked if the candidates' commitments outside of SGA might conflict with their effectiveness as SGA president. All candidates expressed the belief that this would not be a problem.

Shea was the first to present his closing remarks. He talked about fliers aimed at defaming his character that had been posted around campus. According to Shea, they were "demented advertisements" from a group whose charter at Western Connecticut College was revoked by Shea from the Connecticut Federation of College Republicans.

Rinehart felt that he had said enough.

Maggiore concluded by asking the audience to read the platforms, think about the debates, and judge past records.

Grenier expressed her appreciation for the questions as an opportunity to convey her views on the issues.

Take an active role in *your* student government...  
Please vote on April 3 and 4.



# ELECTION NEWS

## Student Government Candidates Address Issues

Chris Louis Sardella  
The College Voice

Sunday evening's speeches for student government positions were presented with great enthusiasm for student life, academic concerns, and a plan that would prepare Connecticut College for the future. The speech session featured positions of Student Government Association president, vice president, chair of academic affairs, chair of the Judiciary Board, public relations director, Student Activities Council chair, and Young Alumni Trustee.

John Maggiore, '91, candidate for president of SGA, focused on an active participation of academic policy, community service, diversification of academic and social life on campus and a greater awareness of minority groups on campus. In addition to stressing the fact that SGA is "about students" Maggiore mentioned that "the next SGA president must have the experience and the ability to get the job done."

Adding a touch of humor to his bid for the presidency, Robert Shea, '91, renounced his candidacy in the spirit of April Fool's Day. Moving on to serious issues, Shea looked for a new compromise and consensus for the future of SGA. He hopes to foster a more relaxed environment at SGA meetings to achieve a more effective analysis of the issues. In conclusion, Shea said, "through hard work and everybody's help, you may begin to like SGA."

Presidential candidate Betsy Grenier, '91, stressed that "continuity is essential" in setting the goals for the future of the Assembly. Grenier noted that the president of SGA must be a leader in setting direction for college concerns and providing providing better communication between students and fac-



A group of hopeful SGA candidates at Sunday night's speeches

ulty. In addition to these concerns, Grenier stated her goals to focus on campus safety, participation in administrative debates, revitalization of dorm life, and a pro-active student government.

Niels Rinehart, '91, mouthed the words to a speech by Winston Churchill to the amusement of many of those who attended. Later, he also suggested such radical ideas as leveling the Arboretum to provide more student parking and a shopping center.

Michael Sandner, '91, candidate for vice president, focused on the need for the vice-president to act as a committee member. Commenting on his past involvements with student government, Sandner said, "this leadership role has taught me to be fair and impartial." Sandner also focused on issues such as the umbrella plan and a redirecting of contributions to student organizations.

Stressing the financial role of vice president, John Roesser, '92, suggested a more realistic budget analysis for the various clubs

on campus. He also commented on the need for the rejuvenation of dorm life, allocations of dorm budgets, off-campus programs, and a better communication between the vice president and the president of SGA.

Russ Yankwitt, '92, began his speech for vice president with a strong statement of commitment, "I want to take SGA boldly where it has never gone before." Yankwitt spoke about the need to limit the time of discussions in SGA to make the decisions more effective. He believes that senators are misrepresenting their dorms and he wants to take steps to change this problem. Yankwitt concluded by saying, "apathy exists among students but you have the power to change that."

Candidate for academic affairs chair James Fisfis, '91, noted that the strategic plan has opened new doors for education and the future of academic affairs on campus. Fisfis noted the need to assess the diversification of the curriculum and general education re-

quirements. He supports the 3:2 plan and encourages others to work with it. He also examined the need for students to put the classes they are taking into context as well as a mandatory freshman writing seminar that some are still avoiding.

Reg Edmonds, '92, stressed that the next year will be critical for academics in his speech for chair of academic affairs. He commented that the 3:2 plan is essential to increase the quality of professors at the college. He supported the idea of hiring new professors to offset the new raise in sabbatical salaries. He also examined the lack of diversity in course curriculum and suggested that more money may be allocated to minority studies classes through such grants as the Ford Foundation Plan.

The position of public relations director presented two dramatically different candidates. Jenn Freeman, '93, stressed the need for representation and communication in this position. She would like to inform the college through such projects as a weekly newsletter of SGA events. She added, "Awareness leads to vitality." Her opponent, Haik Saharian represented the goals of the anarchy party and stressed the need for such diversions as monster truck races on Harkness green.

Tom Neff, '91, sole candidate for chair of the Judiciary Board complimented the campus on how well it has handled the Honor Code. He hopes to increase discussion on campus about the code and to target schools that do not have an Honor Code.

Running unopposed in her bid for chair of the Student Activities Council, Amy Mass noted the need for new and exciting programs, internal reconstruction, and the revitalization of dorm and campus life. She hopes to bring new energy, excitement, and commitment to her role as SAC chair.

## Vice Presidential Candidates Debate Campus Issues

Sarah Huntley  
Associate News Editor

Although the role of Finance Committee chair is considered the primary responsibility of SGA vice president, each candidate committed himself to the development of executive board leadership during Sunday's debate.

Candidate John Roesser, '92, voiced concern that "dorm life is falling apart," and asserted that he would like to see senators and executive board members "held more accountable to their dorms."

Pledging to strengthen the vice president as a leadership position, Michael Sandner, '91, promised to follow an "example-setting method" of active committee participation.

One of Russ Yankwitt's, '92, primary points was his Assembly experience. He urged all voters to consider "relative experience."

Concerning the addition of club liaison officer to the duties of vice president, the three candidates supported the change.

Sandner said the addition was logical because the vice president already has "the necessary interaction with clubs during the budget process."

When questioned about specific leadership roles other than Finance Committee chair, Roesser pledged to play a large role in pacing debate. "Many issues stagnated in the Assembly [this year]," he said.

Yankwitt, answering the question slightly

differently, clarified that he views chair of the Finance Committee "equal with being a leader of the Assembly."

The recurring issue of how balances should be regarded during the allotment process caused some dissent between Yankwitt and the other two candidates.

Yankwitt said that clubs should not be penalized, added, "I might go so far to say that they should be rewarded."

Roesser disagreed that the consideration of balances and a subsequent decrease in funds would be a penalty, arguing that "other clubs need the money."

Sandner said that he "wouldn't punish a club for overzealous fundraising;" however, he would consider the extra money a reflection of less need.

Roesser said that he considered the role very similar to his current job of sophomore class vice president.

Acknowledging the criticism of SGA's "stagnation" over certain issues, Yankwitt said that he would like to participate in facilitating the Assembly sessions.

Sandner, current chair of the Board of House Governors, expressed an interest in accepting a role of "campus-wide leadership" and said that he has been treasurer in both a dorm and club capacity in the past years.

Ken Jacques, '92, did not attend the vice presidential debate.

## Young Alumni Trustee Candidates Stress Commitment and Communication

Sarah Huntley  
Associate News Editor

The senior class has a wide variety of candidates for Young Alumni Trustee this year: Lauren Aguiar, '90, Reed Berkowitz, '90, N. Jansen Calamita, '90, Michelle de la Uz, '90, and Mario Laurenzi, '90.

The candidates emphasized their ranges of experience, as well as a commitment to Connecticut College's reputation as a student-oriented college.

Aguiar stressed her "knowledge of the college and of the student point of view" gained from leadership positions, especially as housefellow of Marshall. "Hand in hand with academics goes student affairs," she said, reflecting her concern that student life is under-represented.

Quoting from "Tao Te Ching" ("The Way and Its Power"), Berkowitz suggested that he would participate as a member, rather than leader, of the Board of Trustees. "...By not forcing, by not dominating, the master leads," asserted Berkowitz.

Calamita presented the Honor Code as an example of the college's commitment to "an environment of respect, responsibility and trust," and pledged to uphold the values it represents. He expressed concern that the Board of Trustees protect the college's "unique and special atmosphere," especially in light of "an attempt to get us into the top

twenty."

De la Uz focused on her extensive involvement and commitment to a variety of issues. Diversification and residential life were specifically mentioned. She differentiated herself from the other candidates, saying, "I have the most experience with the Board of Trustees."

"Part of the Conn mystique is a small, private liberal arts college, so maybe the person to keep it that way is a small, private, liberal person," said Laurenzi, who conceded that he has not always been "in the limelight." Laurenzi considers himself a "well-rounded" student and listed experiences that included chair of Sociology Department Advisory Board, leader in the Minority Students Summer Advancement Program and an intern in the Development and College Relations offices.

Due to the number of candidates for Young Alumni Trustee, a run-off election will be held. The three candidates with the most support after this week's voting will be presented for consideration in a special election. According to Nicole Breck, '90, public relations director, voting for the run-off election will take place in the post office Monday, April 9 and Tuesday morning, April 8. Only seniors are eligible to cast a ballot in the election for Young Alumni Trustee.

### Correction:

In the article "Calamita to run for Y.A.T." in the March 6 issue of *The College Voice*, N. Jansen Calamita, '91, was misquoted. Calamita said Connecticut College is "a teaching college... which is one of the unique characteristics of Conn."